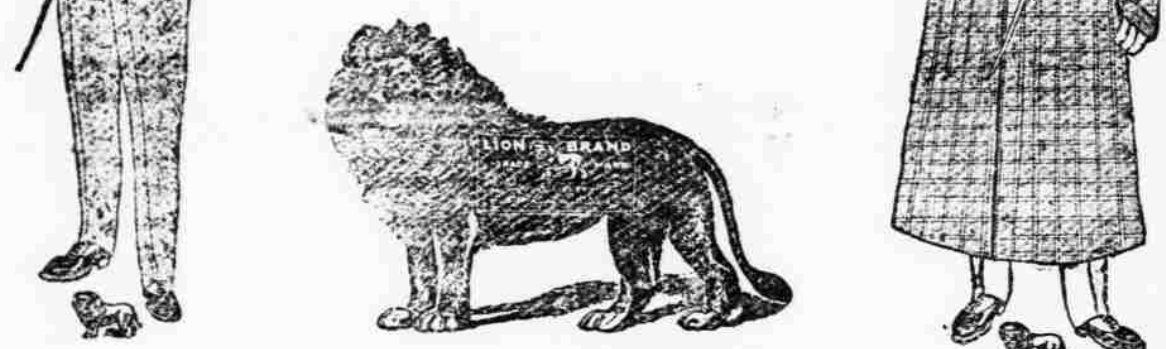


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HON. J. J. RUSSELL was nominated by acclamation by the democratic convention held at West Plains last Wednesday and will represent the Fourteenth district in the next Congress.

THIS scribbler expects to attend the meeting of the Press Association and the World's Fair next week, and will endeavor to enjoy some of the sights at the greatest show in the history of the world.

THE Japanese armies seem to be having things very much their own way. But their enemy is a powerful one, and the probabilities are the war will last several years and will be a bloody struggle.

MR. FOLK carried ten of the eleven counties that held primaries last Saturday. Mr. Reed carried Lafayette, adding 8 votes to his list. The candidates now stand: Folk 285; Hawes 111, and Reed 41.

W. KEITH POSTON is now editor and general manager of the Lutesville Banner. Mr. Poston has held cases on the Banner, all together, a number of years and is well acquainted with the duties and responsibilities of the position to which he has been promoted.

THE time for the primary election will soon roll around—only a week from next Saturday. Don't forget that the choosing of candidates is an important responsibility that rests on every citizen. Do your best to learn who are the best men and go and vote for them.

The Kansas Hoodoo.

They talk about the Kansas hoodoo—that bird of ill omen that rests with one claw in the quivering body of that disgraced senator, Ralph Burton, and the other in the grave of James H. Lane, the first senator from Kansas.

It is not a pleasant story, that tale from Kansas, but it contains a moral, and one that tells that fame without honesty is nothing, and that position backed by mediocrity is oblivion.

When a man wants to be crooked, why hasn't he brains enough to look back over the trail and see what becomes of other men who were tempted and fell?

James H. Lane and Samuel C. Pomeroy were elected to the United States Senate at the first session of the Kansas legislature. Lane left hatred govern him. He intrigued for the downfall of Gov. Charles Robinson, and even his best friends turned against him. So Lane put a revolver to his mouth and blew out his life.

What of Senator Pomeroy? Imagine the scene at a joint session of the Kansas legislature, when Alexander M. Yorke walked into the hall threw down on the speaker's desk \$7,000 in bills and said: "S. C. Pomeroy paid me this money for my vote in this body to-day."

Disgrace! John J. Ingalls was elected to the United States Senate,

and for S. C. Pomeroy there was no man so mean and low as to cast a single vote.

Senator Edmund G. Ross's vote saved President Johnson from impeachment. Kansas said his motive was graft and calls him a skunk. He died, politically.

Then there came Alexander Caldwell, who resigned under charges of bribery and corruption; and Robert Crozier, who was a cipher; and James M. Harvey, who left not one act to show that he was a servant of the people.

There was Preston B. Plumb, of whom Mary Ellen Leake said: "I will wound him to the legs of hell;" and Bishop K. Perkins, who admitted that his only political asset was good clothes.

Pfeiffer, he of the whiskers, retired to obscurity, shorn of power and influence; and Senators Baker and Harris won no fame in the halls at Washington.

There came Burton, and the measure of Kansas' humiliation was complete.

There never was nor will there ever be any element in the make-up of mankind that can take the place of brains and integrity.

If you do not believe it, study the history of Kansas in the United States Senate, beginning with the grave of James H. Lane, wherein a moldering body lies, and ending with the grave of Ralph Burton, in which a political career has been buried.—St. Louis Chronicle.

From Hon. R. A. Anthony.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF BOLLINGER COUNTY:

While Mr. Burks is making speeches in your county I am engaged in holding the regular May term of the St. Francois County Circuit court. I would be very much pleased to meet him and present my claims to you and would do so did not my duties as circuit judge demand my presence here up to the very day of the primary. I have not nor will I neglect my duties for the purpose of electioneering. I know that the people of your county properly appreciate the work I have done since I have been on the bench and I feel perfectly satisfied that you will demonstrate this by your votes on the 21st day of this month.

I am submitting my claims to the people of this circuit solely upon my own account and upon the record which I have made and which has not been criticised by anyone. I am not connected with any clique, faction or machine, no more than Mr. Burks would have been had he received the appointment at the hands of Governor Dockery, which appointment he and his friends worked hard to get for him.

To you and to the people of this whole circuit I now submit my record and my actions on the bench, firmly believing that it will be ap-

proved by a large majority on the day of the primary.

Very respectfully,
ROBERT A. ANTHONY.

Republican Convention.

At the republican convention held here last Saturday to elect delegates to the various state and district conventions, delegates were elected as follows:

To the State convention, St. Joseph, July 27, J. W. Caldwell, H. M. Smith, W. E. Dickey, Moses Whybark and U. D. Rhodes.

Judicial convention, Jefferson City, September 15, George E. Conrad, James H. Patterson and L. B. James.

District Judicial convention, Ste. Genevieve, May 31, Robert Rhodes, J. W. Caldwell, Henry M. Smith, Fred Clippard and J. Monroe Robins.

Congressional convention, Ste. Genevieve, May 31, A. C. King, J. A. Miller, Green L. Meyers, U. D. Rhodes, Marion Corbin, Charles Cooper, Peter Welker, J. A. McGlothlin, J. W. Caldwell, L. J. Grimsley, W. E. Dickey, James Null, J. M. Shell, Z. A. O'Kelly, and Charley Ford.

Each delegate was empowered to select his own alternate and those who attend shall cast the ballot of the entire vote of the county delegation.

Marion E. Rhodes of Potosi, candidate before the republican convention for the nomination for Congress, addressed the convention, making an interesting speech from his standpoint.

Mr. Rhodes is a native of our county and, withal, is a clever gentleman who will, of course, get the vote of the delegation from this county. Attorney George E. Conrad was strongly indorsed for Judge of the Circuit court, and, from comments we have noticed in our exchanges, will give his opponent, if he has one, a strong race for the nomination.

Letter From T. R. R. Ely.

TO DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF BOLLINGER COUNTY:

It is a matter of regret to me that I cannot canvass your county. A stranger to most of you, it would have been a pleasure to me to meet you, but up to this time I have been engaged in those counties that have held their conventions and primaries—Ripley the 16th, Butler the 23rd and Cape Girardeau the 30th of April. On May 2nd our Circuit court convened and will be in continuous session until May 25; after the time your primary will be held, May 21.

I desire by this method, the only one I can choose, to announce my candidacy for the state senate and ask your support. I have always stood on the democratic platform, wherever promulgated; whether Kansas City, Chicago or St. Louis, and supported the nominees of the party; township, county, district, state and national without a scratch and have never affiliated with any

other party, or branch of party, by word, deed or act.

Dunklin county is a new-comer in this senatorial district, added four years ago to make it safely democratic, and it does by 1500 majority. Since we furnish "the sinews of war" we think we are entitled to part of the "spoils."

I am for the re-election of Senator Cockrell to the U. S. Senate unless he is elected president of this republic at the November election. I am against boodling and bribery and favor honest elections; am opposed to machine politics and will favor the enactment of a state primary election law by all parties.

If possible, I shall visit your county, if not I shall highly appreciate the support of the Bollinger county democrats and if I receive the nomination, which I shall, having already more than a majority of the delegates; I will meet you before the November election, in the interest of the whole ticket.

Very truly,
T. R. R. ELY.

Southeast News.

Morehouse is to have a new \$7,000 school building.

The Farmington Electric Light & Ice Co. has filed a petition in bankruptcy and a receiver has been appointed.

New Madrid Southeast Missourian.

There was born in this city last Thursday to Jordan Carson and wife, colored, a daughter. There is nothing particularly remarkable or interesting in this, only that the husband is in his 71st year and his wife about 21.

Cape Democrat.

A Federal court here will call for the erection of a federal building at a cost of \$10,000 or \$50,000, and this may, and doubtless will, lead up to this being made a port of entry. It is, at least a possibility of the future.

Bloomfield Courier.

The track layers are now working in sight of Dudley and laying rails at the rate of 3,000 feet a day on the Frisco and will probably cross the Iron Mountain line this week, when they will take up the work east of Zeta and finish the line to Vanduser.

New Madrid Southeast Missourian.

A severe earthquake was felt here last Friday night about 8:10 o'clock. It was traveling from the southwest to the northeast. This is a season of the year when you may look out for quakes, and also, if you see a funnel-shaped cloud coming you will know that the funnel soon commence.

A Week at the World's Fair for \$21.00.

In a Splendid Hotel Right Inside the Grounds—No Carfare—No Extras—Reservations Accepted Now.

The owners of slender pocket-books can stop all worrying over unknown costs and expenditures in seeing the big Exposition at St. Louis. The Inside Inn, the enormous hotel built under the supervision of the World's Fair Management right inside the grounds making special seven-day contracts on the American plan for \$21.00. This will cover lodging and three meals and daily admission to the grounds after the visitor has become a registered guest. By taking advantage of this very liberal offer, prospective visitors can figure exactly what their expenses will be before they leave home, merely adding transportation and personal incidentals.

The Inside Inn is a new departure in world's fair accommodations. It is three stories high, 400 feet wide, 800 feet long, has 2,250 bedrooms and a dining-hall with a seating capacity of 2,500. Fire-proofing material has been used throughout and most extraordinary and elaborate precautions have been taken against fire. It is run on both the European and American plans, under the personal supervision and management of Mr. E. M. Stahler, the well-known restaurateur of Buffalo, which fact alone guarantees the high quality of the cuisine and service. Rates range from \$1.50 to \$5.50 per day European and \$3.00 to \$7.00 American plan, including meals in both classes.

The comfort and convenience of trans residing right within the grounds and the doing away with all wearisome journeys to and fro each night and morning will be obvious to all. Intending visitors should write at once for interesting booklet, giving full details. Address The Inside Inn, Administration Bldg., World's Fair Grounds, St. Louis, Mo.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 3½-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals, if you grow tired of selling you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

Our Correspondents.

Lodge.

Health is very good. Everybody seems to be busy planting corn.

Wheat is looking fine and the same may be said of meadows. The prospect for a fruit crop was never better than this spring.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McClendon visited Grandma Priddy, May 1, who I am glad to say, is still improving.

Rev. W. A. Davault preached a very interesting sermon at Trace Creek church last Sunday.

Arthur Moyers visited home folks last Saturday and Sunday.

Our school board has employed Mrs. Oscar Yount to teach the Trace Creek school.

James Cameron of Greenbrier is visiting relatives near Lodge.

Success to THE PRESS.

OBSERVER.

Sedgewickville.

As I have not seen anything from this berg for some time, I will give you a few items.

We are having plenty of rain and farmers are behind with their corn planting. Very few are done.

W. S. Smith, our hustling blacksmith, is erecting a new dwelling. C. R. Conrad and D. R. Seabough are doing the work.

C. A. Hahs has been quite sick for several days with pneumonia, but is some better at this writing.

Abe Seabough was visiting in our berg one night last week. Abe expects to move back to his farm before long.

Willis Seabough, son of Abe, visited his uncle, D. R. Seabough, at this place Saturday night and Sunday.

Messrs. Willie Mayfield of Mayfield, and Lee Cook of Patton visited fair friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Hattie Sewer, daughter of P. A. Statler, died May 6. The bereaved husband and family have the sympathies of the community.

Seabough, Hahs & Co., have purchased a new 18 horse power engine and went to Marquand after it Monday.

Our Academy is getting along nicely. It will close at the end of the present month.

Our church is to have a new bell some of these days, which is to cost between \$75 and \$80.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Conrad, May 1, a bouncing girl. Mother and child are getting along nicely.

Ransom Hahs moved into the Homrig property a few days ago.

LITTLE SAM.

Reduced Rates!

World's Fair, St. Louis Mo., May 1st to December 1st, 1904.

Tickets from Lutesville, Mo., to St. Louis, Mo., and return, will be sold at the following rates:

Ten-day excursion tickets, sold May 1, to November 30, inclusive, \$4.95; good to leave St. Louis ten days from date of sale but in no case later than December 5, 1904.

Sixty-day excursion tickets, sold May 1, to November 20, 1904, inclusive, \$5.45; good to leave St. L. sixtieth days from date of sale, but in no case later than December 15, 1904.

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Fifty-five acre fruit and stock farm situated five miles south of Lutesville in Bollinger county, Mo. This farm is well improved; has a good one and a half story frame dwelling, well finished; good log barn and two cisterns. About thirty-five acres cleared and in a good state of cultivation; good fencing. There is not five acres of the fifty-five that can not be cultivated. All lies well and well adapted in character of soil and convenience to market for a successful fruit growing farm.

On account of my long continued ill health, I am not able to give this farm the attention necessary to keep it in good repair and improve it as it should be, and as I intended to do when I bought, so I have decided to sell at a sacrifice—\$500 will buy this farm.

TERMS—Half cash; balance on time to suit purchaser.

W. S. KING.

For further particulars apply to W. K. CHANDLER, Secretary, Farm and Home Real Estate Co., Marble Hill, Mo.

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TWO GREAT CONTESTS

The first contest will be on the July 4th attendance at the St. Louis World's Fair; the second relates to Total Vote For President to be cast Nov. 8, 1904. \$50,000.00 will be distributed in each of these contests, making \$100,000.00 on the two, and, to make it still more interesting, in addition to this amount, we will give a Grand First Prize of \$5,000.00 to the one who is nearest correct on both contests, and thus your estimates have two opportunities of winning a big cash prize.

Five Lion-Heads cut from Lion Coffee Packages and a 2 cent stamp entitle you (in addition to the regular free premiums) to one vote in either contest:



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WORLD'S FAIR CONTEST

What will be the total July 4th attendance at the St. Louis World's Fair? At Chicago, July 4, 1893, the attendance was 23,273. For nearest correct estimate received in Woolson Spice Co.'s office, Toledo, O., on or before Nov. 5, 1904, we will give first prize to the nearest correct estimate, second prize to the next nearest, etc., etc., as follows:

1 First Prize	\$2,500.00
2 Second Prize	1,000.00
3 Prizes—\$500.00 each	1,000.00
5 Prizes—200.00 "	1,000.00
10 Prizes—100.00 "	1,000.00
20 Prizes—50.00 "	1,000.00
40 Prizes—25.00 "	1,000.00
80 Prizes—10.00 "	1,000.00
160 Prizes—5.00 "	1,000.00
2139 PRIZES.	TOTAL, \$20,000.00

PRESIDENTIAL VOTE CONTEST

What will be the total Popular Vote cast for President (votes for all candidates combined) at the election November 8, 1904? In 1860 election, 13,589,633 people voted for President. For nearest correct estimate received in Woolson Spice Co.'s office, Toledo, O., on or before Nov. 5, 1904, we will give first prize to the nearest correct estimate, second prize to the next nearest, etc., etc., as follows:

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in the mud and then rub against the trees." As they proceeded the Iowa man noticed that the mud mark rose higher and higher on the trees until some of it was ten feet from the ground. When they got

back to town the real estate man asked him if he would like to buy some of the land. "I don't believe I want any of your land," replied the Iowa man, but say, "I would like to buy a car load of your hogs."

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